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Unitary shipments -----

1985 only .5% short of 1984 record year,
heat pumps set new record

ARLINGTON, Va. -- Total 1985 U.S. shipments of unitary air conditioners and heat pumps reached 3,290,510, only 0.5 percent less than the 1984 record year. This was considerably better than the 3 to 5 percent decrease that was originally anticipated for the 1985 shipment year.

December shipment figures totaled 214,288, an increase of 3.7 percent over December 1984.

Culmulative shipments of heat pumps for the full year 1985 achieved a record 820,623, 10.7 percent more than 1984. The previous record in 1984 was 745,195.

In December, 69,667 heat pumps were shipped, a 14.9 percent increase over the final month of last year.

(See reverse side for Condensed Summary by Size.)

NOTE TO EDITORS: The preceding totals have been expedited to better meet your deadlines. Information about monthly factory stocks, distributor shipments, distributor inventories, U.S. dollar bookings of hermetic centrifugals, and U.S. dollar bookings of reciprocating liquid chillers will be added to an update release expected about February 10. The information in these two news releases also will continue to be reported each month in our Koldfax newsletter. -- Mike Heininger, Comm-PR Director

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Unitary Heating and Cooling Section's Condensed Summary by Size of United States Manufacturers' Shipments

Date DECEMBER 1985

UNITED STATES

	SIZE BTUH (000)		NUMBER OF UNITS			
			CONDENSER-TYPE		U.S. TOTAL C	% CHG. FROM 1984
			AIR OR EVAP COOLED A	WATER COOLED B		
CONDENSED SUMMARY BY SIZE	Under 16.5		5402		5402	24.1-
	16.5-21.9		27434		27434	.4+
	22-26.9		46608		46668	5.1+
	27-32.9		34994		34994	7.1+
	33-38.9		39857	26	39883	.4-
	39-43.9		15375		15375	12.0+
	44-53.9		17468		17468	19.8+
	54-64.9		16814	81	16895	1.9+
	65-96.9		3692	46	3738	3.9-
	97-134.9		2639	47	2686	5.1-
	135-184.9		1049	32	1681	12.9+
	185-249.9		640	19	659	18.8-
	250-319.9		360	22	382	5.4-
	320-379.9		212	53	265	3.0-
	380-539.9		238	50	288	49.2+
	540-639.9		109	53	162	5.2+
	640 and over		277	31	308	46.7+
	TOTAL		213828	460	214288	3.7+